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FACTIONS WITHIN THE PARTY

1. At the present time the Viet Nam Quoc Dan Dang (VNQDD) is split into four factions under the leadership of the following individuals:

- a. Vu Hong Khanh
- b. Nguyen Ba Chan and Nguyen Van Luc
- c. Quang Minh
- d. Xuan Tung

Of these, the Vu Hong Khanh and Nguyen Ba Chan-Nguyen Van Luc groups are the most active. The Xuan Tung faction is active only in South Vietnam and Quang Minh has only a few active supporters in the north.

Vu Hong Khanh Faction

2. Khanh was working on two projects: the publication of a newspaper to be called Dan Bao (The People's Paper) and the unification of party leadership through the creation of a Central Executive Committee. Khanh was unsuccessful in both of these undertakings. He was also unable to effect the reorganization of the Hanoi City Division of the party and as a result, the old committee is still nominally functioning.

Actually the group seldom meets and is not in complete support of Khanh.

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Nguyen Ba Chan - Nguyen Van Luc Faction

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3. This faction is the most active and at the same time the most moderate of the party.

They are in accord with the Quang Minh group in thinking that Khanh is no longer capable of leading the party, but they consider him useful as a symbol to gain support in the provinces, where he is the only widely known member of the party. They also believe that his prestige would be useful in any future dealings with foreign powers. Until now, Chan and Luc have succeeded only in reorganizing some of the party provincial branches including Thai Binh, Nam Dinh, Phat Diem, Son Tay and Hung Yen, where the party's strength is actually inconsequential. Their greatest problem is a financial one and they are issuing bonds in an effort to gain needed funds.

Quang Minh Faction

4. The Quang Minh group is attempting to form an independent party to be called the Progressist Democratic Party (Dan Chu Cap Tien). Minh's project stems primarily from his rivalry with Vu Hong Khanh. When the VNQDD was disbanded in early 1947, Minh remained in the French-controlled zone as head of the Hanoi branch in order to reestablish party bases there. Khanh's return from China in 1949 and the fact that he has little respect for Minh's ability has considerably minimized Minh's importance as a party leader. Minh has therefore planned the formation of a progressive party which would draw members from the VNQDD ranks by declaring itself based on the old principles of the party. Minh has been unsuccessful in his project and his group still calls itself the Progressist Nationalist Party (Quoc Dan Dang Cap Tien) - not the Progressist Democrat Party (Dan Chu Cap Tien).

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